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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Visit to the United States of General Gehlen

1. Several weeks ago we voiced our agreement in principle to a proposal by Colonel Critchfield that General Gehlen visit the United States after the establishment of the German Intelligence Service. Colonel Critchfield has now informed us that Gehlen considers the following as the minimum conditions which must exist before he undertakes a trip to the United States.

- a. The GIS must be established and its position in the government clarified and secured.
- b. A clear definition of his authority, as Chief of the GIS, for negotiating agreements on intelligence matters with friendly services must have been rendered by the appropriate offices of the German government.

The above, I believe, coincides with our views on this matter.

2. Gehlen now estimates that the GIS issue will have been resolved by July 1, 1955. He expects to have the initial relationship with USCENTCOM clarified by September 1 and hopes that his authority to negotiate with other services will have been defined by that time. Thus, it would appear at this time that the last half of September would be a likely time for the visit.

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